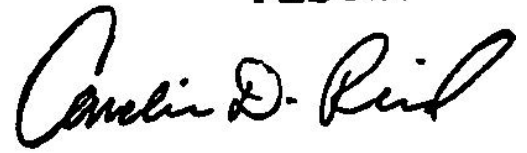


allotting to the Department of Public Utilities' Electric Utility Budget the sum of \$45,339.30 for the purpose of funding the removal of and any necessary site work for a monument grave and monument pedestals.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**

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City Clerk

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2021-513



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: November 19, 2021

EDITION: 2

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Reginald Gordon; Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Human Services

THROUGH: Jason May; Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Sheila White; Director of Finance

THROUGH: Christopher Frelke; Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent; Director of Public Works

FROM: Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Operations

RE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and appropriate \$45,339.30 from The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust for the removal of monument grave, pedestals, and site work.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: In accordance with Ord. 2020-154, the City administration has begun the process to remove certain confederate monuments from City property. To support these efforts and offset City costs, a private entity established the Fund to Move the Monuments over the summer of 2020, which identified the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust as the fiscal agent. Upon closure of the fundraising effort, the Fund had collected \$45,339.30. This ordinance authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to accept and appropriate \$45,339.30 from The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust to the DCAO Operations budget for the removal of monument grave, pedestals, and site work. This work is being funded through the DCAO Operations budget within the Department of Public Utilities

REASON: The Fund to Move the Monuments, with the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust serving as fiscal agent, was established with the intent of donating raised funds to the City of

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Richmond's confederate monument removal efforts. This ordinance will authorize acceptance of raised funds, to be put toward removal of monument grave, pedestals, and site work.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

BACKGROUND: Richmond has a dark history. As the second largest center for the domestic slave trade in the United States and the former Capital of the Confederacy, Richmond was a center of oppression. In 1890, the Robert E. Lee monument was unveiled in the City of Richmond. Following the unveiling of the Lee Monument, the city also assembled a collection of Lost Cause statuary along Monument Avenue and elsewhere in the city, the likes of which existed nowhere else in the United States. These monuments were symbols of oppression and inequality. As we continue to erase the city's former title as the "Capital of the Confederacy," we have to ensure that we learn from our past mistakes.

On August 3, 2020 the Richmond City Council adopted Ord. 2020-154, as enabled by Section 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia, to authorize the removal of certain monuments on City-owned property. Further, RES. 2021-R025, adopted May 10, 2021, established a process whereby the City Council and administration would work collaboratively to effect the necessary steps toward final disposition of the monuments. The administration, as coordinated through the Department of Public Works, has undertaken the necessary preparations in order to effect the removal of these monuments, which is anticipated to incur a cost to the City.

On November 6, 2021, Erica Sims, Chief Executive Officer for the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust, contacted the City of Richmond to request acceptance of funds, in the amount of \$45,339.30, which had been collected via the Fund to Move the Monuments. Acceptance of these funds by the City will help to offset future costs incurred by the City as related to these efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: Acceptance of donated funds will secure additional funding for work to be coordinated by the Departments of Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities pertaining to the removal of monument grave, pedestals, and site work in response to City Council Ord. 2020-154.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: This Ordinance will not affect the fiscal status of the City of Richmond.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$45,339.30 to DPU Enterprise Fund Administrative Budget. Accounting String below:

Fund: 0904
Cost Center: 99001
Service: SV0801
Activity: 1245
Account: 70121



Maggie Walker
Community Land Trust

11-6-21

Dear Lincoln,

Here are the funds MWCLT has been holding for costs related to removal of the confederate monuments. MWCLT acted as fiscal agent for this private fundraiser. We haven't received guidance or been to transfer these funds to the City but and so are writing this check to you now.

Received

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Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

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